

COLCHESTER CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Regular Meeting Wednesday, December 10, 2014
Town Hall, 127 Norwich Avenue, Room 3
Minutes of Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: Falk von Plachecki, Chairman; Moe Epstein, Darrell York and Sue Bruening (arrived at 7:15 p.m.); Alternates: Ericka Fuery and Rebecca Meyer; Wetlands Enforcement Officer: Jay Gigliotti Staff: Gail Therian, Clerk;

MEMBERS ABSENT: Andrew George; Kurt Frantzen, Board of Selectmen Liaison;

A. CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman von Plachecki called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Ericka Fuery and R. Meyer were seated as voting members.

B ADDITIONS TO AGENDA –

J. Gigliotti asked that an Item A be added under "E. Pending Applications" – "W2014-2980 – William Jordan 17 Scofield Road, Septic System Repairs" be added.

Motion by M. Epstein, seconded by E. Fuery to add Item A under "Pending Applications – "W2014-2980 – William Jordan 17 Scofield Road, Septic System Repairs". **Motion carried unanimously.**

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Meeting Minutes of November 12, 2014.

Motion by M. Epstein, seconded by E. Fuery to approve the minutes of the Colchester Conservation Commission regular meeting of November 12, 2014 as presented. **Abstentions:** D. York All others in favor **Motion carried.**

D. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

E. PENDING APPLICATIONS -

A. W2014-2980 – William Jordan 17 Scofield Road, Septic System Repairs

J. Gigliotti told the Commission that Mr. Jordan had modified his application and submitted the required fees as per their request at the last meeting. J. Gigliotti reviewed the proposed plan of the installation of a Forced Main to cross under an existing intermittent watercourse and the installation of the associated leaching fields located within the Upland Review Area. He said that the property is located immediately outside the Aquifer Protection area, but the watercourse flows directly into this protected area. He said that J. Paggioli, Public Works Director has reviewed and approved this plan and distributed a copy of this review to the Commission members. He also provided pictures of the site as of December 10, 2014. Discussion followed regarding suggested conditions to an approval of this application.

Motion by E. Fuery, seconded by R. Meyer to approve W2014-2980, William Jordan, 17 Scofield Road, for septic system repairs. with the following conditions:

1. Prior to the commence of the work the Wetlands Enforcement Officer will inspect the Erosion and Sediment controls;
2. In accordance with Chatham Health District's five year renewal of the permit to discharge, the renewal shall include the inspection of the forced main for leaks and/or defects.
3. As-built plan of septic system is to be submitted to the Wetlands Enforcement Officer.
4. Notice of Decision is to be filed on the land records prior to the commencement of work and a proof of filing from the Town Clerk shall be submitted to the Wetlands Enforcement Officer.

Motion carried unanimously

F. NEW APPLICATIONS –

A. W2014-2981- Dave's Logging/David Worthington- Applicant, Sara Laufer Trust- Property Owner, 567 Norwich Avenue, Assessor's Map 05-06 Lot # 2, Application for Selective Timber Harvest with x3 temporary Stream Crossings, Application is a request for an As-of-Right determination, under section 4 of the Colchester IWWR

J. Gigliotti told the Commission that this application is for a selective timber harvest for approximately 450,000 mbf and 108 cords of pole wood. The property is located on Norwich Avenue and the access to the property will be from two (2) locations on Route 16 and one (1) on Norwich Avenue, pending CT D.O.T. permitting. The work is scheduled to begin January 1, 2015 and last through March, if the weather is permitting. The activity will require three (3) temporary bridged/corduoyed stream crossing to access portions of the property. He explained the locations using the map submitted. He said that these are the same crossing sites used for the last timber harvesting approximately 20 years ago. Discussion followed.

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Motion by D. York, seconded by M. Epstein to approve W2014-2981 as an as-of Right activity. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

S. Bruening arrived at 7:15 p.m. R. Meyer stepped down as a voting member.

G. OLD BUSINESS – None

H. NEW BUSINESS –

A. Election of Officers

Chairman von Plachecki opened the floor for nominations for Chairman and stepped down as Chairman for this election. Vice Chairman M. Epstein took over as Chairman.

Motion by D. York, seconded by S. Bruening to open the floor for nominations as Chairman. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Motion by D. York, seconded by S. Bruening to nominate Falk von Plachecki as Chairman.

Motion by D. York, seconded by E. Fuery to close nominations. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Motion by D. York, seconded by S. Bruening to elect Falk von Plachecki as Chairman for 2015. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Chairman von Plachecki returned as Chairman.

Motion by M. Epstein, seconded by E. Fuery to open the floor for nominations for Vice Chairman. **Motion carried unanimously**

Motion by M. Epstein, seconded by E. Fuery to nominate D. York as Vice Chairman.

Motion by M. Epstein seconded by E. Fuery to close nominations for Vice Chairman. **Motion carried unanimously**

Motion by M. Epstein, seconded by S. Bruening to elect D. York as Vice Chairman. **Motion carried unanimously**

I. ENFORCEMENTS –

A. Updates - None

J. CONSERVATION – None

K. CORRESPONDENCE –

A. Construction, Projects & Issued Permit Updates –

Chairman von Plachecki updated the Commission on the proposed Zoning regulation regarding the additional buffering requirement in the Eight Mile River basin area.

J. Gigliotti told the Commission that an application for a single family dwelling on Red Schoolhouse Road would be submitted in the next two (2) months.

L. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by M. Epstein, seconded D. York by to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 p.m. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

Gail N. Therian, Clerk